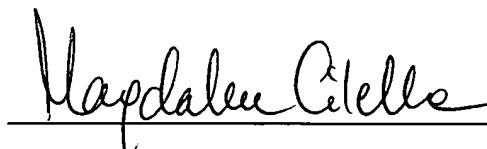


SUMMARY

Claims 1-17 are pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for examination. Should the Examiner feel a discussion would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 245-5398.

Respectfully submitted,

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